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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please make the following amendments to the specification:

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**ABSTRACT**

An adjustable clamp assembly (600) includes an elongated connection member (640) and a gear assembly (650). The gear assembly includes a rotatable first gear member having an axis of rotation substantially perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the connection member (640). The gear assembly also includes a second gear member cooperatively engaged with the first gear member. The clamp assembly further includes a first clamp member (630). The elongated connection member (640), the gear assembly (650) and the first clamp member (630) are arranged such that rotation of the first gear member results in a linear motion of the first clamp member (630) parallel to the longitudinal axis of the connection member (640).